MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Was this treated as a special case or a general one?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The same rule will apply to all cases.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the writer of the College is the custodian of the amount collected as fees?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He collects the fees and remits the amount into the Treasury.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from Government whether there was annual auditing of the College Accounts?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know whether audit was being conducted annually.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the writer of the College has been prosecuted and punished?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was prosecuted and punished for theft and burglary.

Chief Engineer (Roads, Buildings and Irrigation).

200. ❋ MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the qualification of the Chief Engineer (Roads, Buildings and Irrigation) to hold that post; and

(*b*) whether the Chief Engineer referred to above is a Hydro-Electric Expert?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) His large and varied experience in design, estimation and execution of engineering works, both civil and hydro-electric. He held the position of Superintending Engineer in Madras Government service and officiated as Chief Engineer there on two occasions.

(*b*) He has considerable experience in design and construction of hydro electric works.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer has great experience in civil and hydro-electric engineering?

RAO BAHADUR RAYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has got experience in civil and hydro-electric works.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): In which Department has he greater experience?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has sufficient experience in civil engineering to be the Chief Engineer of the P. W. D.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): That not my question.

In what Section of the Department has he greater experience?

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RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

PRESIDENT : I suppose the honourable member can look into the Civil List of Madras Government.

Bridge over the Neyyar at Mandapatumkadavu.

201. ✻ **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattin'kara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the necessity for a bridge over the Neyyar at Mandapatumkadavu in Ottasekharamangalam *pakuthi* which was the subject matter of question No. 45 answered in the Sri Chitra State Council on 18-6-1110 and published on page 126 of the State Council Proceedings (Vol. IV, No. 4):

(*a*) whether the construction of the bridge was left to wait until the three traces leading to it are made fit for cart traffic ;

(*b*) whether the three traces referred to have been made fit for cart traffic : and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what is the delay in starting the construction of the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Only two traces have been made fit for cart traffic.

(*c*) A rough estimate has been called for by the Chief Engineer for the construction of the bridge.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know from the Government whether these three traces have been made fit for cart traffic ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Two of them have been improved. I have called for a rough estimate for the construction of the bridge.

Registry of lands to the Depressed Classes.

202. ✻**MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total area of land available for registry to the depressed classes in 1108, 1109 and 1110, respectively ; and

(*b*) the total area registered to them in each of these years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : A * statement containing the informaion is laid on the table.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know why during the years 1108, 1109 and 1110 more than 15,000 acres have been made available for registration and yet there has been such decline in the area actually registered?

MR. K. GEOGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The total area ear-marked was 15,634 acres. As to the variations of the figures it is due to several reasons. They might have applied for occupied lands, for lands which might have been already registered, and then there might not have been sufficient applicants.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : I know there are cases where the applications for registry of land within the area allotted have been refused to the depressed classes.

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